# Looking at Student Work

# Writing Inquiry

Guiding questions for selecting student work samples:

Does the student work give you enough information to make a judgment about what a student knows and is able to do as a writer?

Does the student work give you relevant information to make a judgment?

Does the student work give you accurate information to make a judgment?

Does the student work represent proficient writing for a student at this time of year at this level?

Is this work achievable by most students with adequate instruction?

Protocol for looking at student work:

1. Look at the student writing for evidence of what a student knows and understands about writing. Together name what the work reveals about a student’s understanding. For example, what does the student understand about:
   1. Audience and purpose
   2. Organization
   3. Voice
   4. Style/craft
   5. Conventions
   6. And….
2. Select work that reflects proficient writing for students at this time of the year.
3. For the work that reflects proficient writing, on sticky notes, explain what you see in the writing.
4. Share with another group: do you agree with your decisions?